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Subj: AIRCRAFT CARRIER TRAINING AND READINESS MANUAL

Ref: (a) COMFLTFORCOMINST 3501.3 (Fleet Forces Command Fleet Training Strategy (FTS))  
(b) NWP/NTTP 1-03.3 Series (Status of Resources and Training System (SORTS))

1. Purpose. To promulgate a revised Aircraft Carrier Training and Readiness Manual to be used by all ships, staffs, and units of the Naval Air Forces, U.S. Pacific and Atlantic Fleets.

2. Cancellation: COMNAVAIRFORINST 3500.20  
COMNAVAIRLANTINST 9080.2C/COMNAVAIRLANTINST 9090.2C

3. Revision. This instruction should be reviewed in its entirety. This revision includes significant changes to the plan for ships' basic training. These changes include the establishment of specific criteria to be used to evaluate certification of unit level training completion over a wide area of carrier missions and core competencies, as required by the reference (a).

4. Discussion. This instruction is designed to augment the Fleet Forces Command Fleet Training Strategy by providing a comprehensive document, which contains readiness standards and training requirements for Atlantic/Pacific Fleet aircraft carriers. Its primary functions are to serve as a guide for conducting ship-wide, departmental and team training during the FLEET READINESS TRAINING PLAN (FRTTP) and to serve as a standard for measuring readiness. Each phase of the FRTTP is delineated herein, and although each carrier's plan will vary depending on a variety of factors unique to that carrier and its associated strike group, the main events will follow a generally predetermined pattern for purposes of standardization. The goal of the training plan is to provide the carrier strike group commanders of the Atlantic and Pacific Fleets with trained aircraft carrier crews capable of immediate integration into and sustained operations as part of a combat-ready carrier strike group.

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5. Action

A. Type Commanders shall:

(1) Establish training and readiness standards for aircraft carriers and monitor training readiness of each ship throughout its readiness cycle.

(2) Ensure that all aircraft carrier unit level training and assessment events and other operational requirements (e.g. FRSCQ), as prescribed by this instruction and the Fleet Readiness Training Plan (FRTTP), are planned and executed. TYCOMs will coordinate with ISICs and Numbered Fleet Commanders to ensure these events are properly scheduled and reflected in Numbered Fleet Commander operational schedules.

(3) Provide training assistance as requested by Ship's Immediate Superiors In Command (ISIC).

a. Assist the ISIC in conducting certifications and inspections unless specifically assigned or delegated to other commands.

b. Conduct battle efficiency competition among aircraft carriers per chapter seven (7).

B. Strike Force Training Commanders shall:

(1) Assume responsibility for CV/CVN Integrated Phase Training. Maintain direct liaison with deploying group commanders, TYCOM's and numbered fleet commanders, as necessary, to tailor training operations so as to ensure all requirements are met.

(2) Conduct COMPTUEX/Final Battle Problem of aircraft carriers and air wings.

(3) After sufficient development of the ship/air wing team during Integrated Phase training, recommend to the numbered fleet commander the ship and air wing are ready for Surge Ready/Sustainment Phase Training.

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C. Carrier Strike Group Commanders shall:

(1) Exercise oversight responsibility for training readiness of aircraft carriers.

(2) Familiarize themselves and members of their staffs with the requirements and readiness measures defined in this manual.

(3) Schedule training events and services for assigned aircraft carriers per the requirements of appendix (1). Further, ensure that individual training requirements contained within the Navy Training Management Planning System (NTMPS) are accurate with ship's configuration and other related needs. Work closely with the TYCOM, Afloat Training Group Commander and the Strike Force Training Commander to maintain a balanced and efficient training plan.

(4) Ensure aircraft carrier crews are afforded the opportunity to conduct meaningful training and to maintain maximum readiness levels consistent with their stage of the FRTP.

D. Commander Afloat Training Group (ATG) shall:

(1) As CNAF's Executive Agent, coordinate activities of all external training commands in support of unit level training.

(2) Conduct the required unit phase training described in this instruction.

(3) Maintain liaison with TYCOM/ISIC throughout the unit level phase to maintain continuity of the training plan.

(4) Provide assistance to TYCOM/ISIC in the conduct of inspections, certifications, assessments and assist visits where applicable (NSSMS certification, Navigation check ride, Crew certification, etc...)

(5) Conduct unit level training with ship, ISIC and TYCOM to brief upcoming evolutions to support CART II thru FEP.



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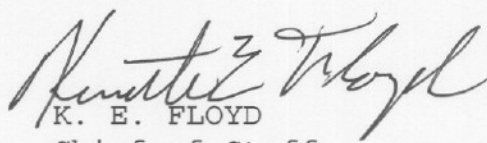
E. Aircraft Carrier Commanding Officers shall:

(1) Comply with the requirements of both appendix (1) and NTMPS. Attainment and maintenance of maximum mission area readiness should receive primary emphasis when establishing training plans and schedules.

(2) Submit recommendations for changes in requirements via the chain of command using the format specified in recommended change page.

6. Records and Reports. Standards for training and readiness are specified in reference (b). Training and readiness shall be monitored and reported as specified in Chapters 2 and 3 of this instruction.

7. Recommendations for changes are invited and may be submitted to Commander Naval Air Forces via the chain of command per this instruction.

  
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